

# THE CONVENTION NEWS



PERTAINING TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH  
NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA CHI RHO,  
NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 22, 23 AND 24, 1923

## THE CONVENTION OF THE CENTURY

Plans have been completed and the stage is set for Alpha Chi Rho's "Convention of the Century" at The Plaza, New York City, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 22, 23 and 24.

The program is well balanced. It is varied. From the beginning to the end, the Committee has tried to prepare the way for a profitable gathering of the Fraternity and for a pleasant time for every Brother attending.

We of New York have made a boast to the effect that we are the liveliest aggregation of Alpha Chi's gathered together in any city of the country. We believe it, despite possible skepticism on the part of other alumni groups. Perhaps we are prejudiced—so are they.

We are glad that the Convention will be held in New York. We consider it an honor. We think we can stage a Convention that will set the pace for years to come. We think that we can give you the time of your life—or longer.

Now we want to prove it—to make good that boast! There is only one way to know whether we have made good and that's by coming to the Convention yourself. We will guarantee that you will go home convinced that it was an affair thoroughly worth attending from every angle. You will have a bully good time and return home a better Alpha Chi.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT

## CONVENTION CALENDAR HOTEL PLAZA, NEW YORK

Thursday, February 22nd:  
8:00 P. M.—Smoker, small ballroom

Friday, February 23rd:  
9:30 A. M.—Business session, small ballroom  
2:00 P. M.—Business session, small ballroom  
8:30 P. M.—Concert and dance, grand ballroom

Saturday, February 24th:  
9:30 A. M.—Business session, small ballroom  
3:30 P. M.—Tea dance, grand ballroom  
7:30 P. M.—Banquet, grand ballroom  
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## A Message from the President of the Fraternity

Years ago, before Convention had become as much of a social affair as it now is, the Fraternity had succeeded in establishing the tradition that this was a function which no loyal Brother could afford to miss. There is more truth in that today than ever before, because there are now many added attractions without the deduction of a single item of former interest.

Those who have already established the habit of attendance at Convention will need no further exhortation, but to newly-initiated Brothers and to others who have not established that habit, let me say that this is by every token the year to begin.

*Edward C. Barry*

President of the Fraternity.

## WHO WILL WIN THE ATTENDANCE CUP?

The Attendance Cup would make an attractive addition to your Chapter House. The New York Chapters, Phi Omega and Phi Chi are not eligible, of course. At the last Convention in New York, Phi Phi and Phi Delta were nip and tuck to the last with Phi Gamma close behind. Phi Phi won out by a clever bit of strategy, dragging a man out of bed in the wilds of Jersey, rushing him to New York in a high-powered car and registering him at the last second. Clever work—but they wanted that cup.

Who will win the cup this year? Registration will positively close at 9:00 P. M., Saturday, February 24th.

## Consider the Reservations

If the News reached you by mail, you received with it a nice, clean card, printed in red and bearing on its smiling face eleven small squares and four dotted lines. Get out the card and look at it now, while we tell you what to do.

On the dotted lines, write your name, address, chapter and class. Check four of the five squares on the left side of the card, and at least one of the squares on the right side of the card. Write a large and generous check, put the check and the card in the enclosed envelope, which is self-addressed to Ernie Cobb, and mail the whole works at once.

Without this moment of your help, the Committee's hands are tied. They cannot make final arrangements until they know how many can get to the various sessions and functions. At best, it will be hard to get enough rooms at the Plaza, and we'll be out of luck entirely unless the reservations can be made before February 19th.

Hop to it, or we'll all lose out.

## THE PLAZA

The first time you look up the Plaza in the phone book, you'll find there are two of it. The Convention will **not** be held at the one on the Bowery, with all due respect to that worthy hostelry. **The Convention will be held at The Plaza, where lived Fitzgerald's "Gloria," the heroine of "The Beautiful and Damned."**

The Plaza is more than a hotel, more than a beautiful building in beautiful surroundings. It is one of New York's finest institutions—one of those than which there is nothing than whicher. It is distinguished, cosmopolitan, luxurious, the center of a good part of the social life of the city, the home of hospitality, service and comfort. It has been the background of national events. It has repeatedly been chosen as the most fitting abode for the nation's distinguished guests.

In the beauty of its architecture, its furnishings, and its colorings, in every detail of refinement and distinction, we have a setting worthy of our noblest effort.

## IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY

Get this and be sure you do.

Buy a one way railroad ticket to New York and get a receipt from your local ticket agent. Bring this receipt with you and file it with Brother Dickey, Secretary of the Convention Committee. Your receipt will then be validated so that you can buy a ticket back home for one-half the regular rate.

This arrangement is contingent upon 250 people filing receipts for a fare of at least 67 cents each. At the last Convention in New York, there were 491 present. Of these, over 300 travelled the required distance. There will be more than this number this year, but everyone must get a receipt. Even if you don't save much yourself, get a receipt and help those coming from a greater distance. This is an opportunity for practical cooperation.

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NATIONAL FRATERNITY OF ALPHA CHI RHO.

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## COME AND GET IT

It is quite customary for Convention notices and Convention papers to consist mainly of glowing descriptions of the unequalled splendor of the many and various delectable features possessed by the particular Convention under consideration. This description is backed up by urgent messages assuring you that you can't afford to miss the Convention and the Convention can't afford to miss you.

In the good old days, the cook would stick his head out of the cook-house door along about meal time and yell, just once, "Come and Get It." The result would be an immediate stampede for the table. Our Convention Committee has worked faithfully, both early and late, for a number of months, in preparation for the Convention. The result of their labors is intended for you, not for them. They have prepared a meal for the Fraternity on the assumption that the Fraternity is hungry. It should not be a part of their duties to drag you to the table. Like the cook, they need only cry, "Come and Get It."

## STRAWS

As the Convention Committee has indicated in rather definite terms, the Twenty-fifth National Convention of the Fraternity will be held in New York on February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Mr. Webster's well-known dictionary, which happens to form a part of our office equipment, defines a convention as "A body of persons, as of delegates, members of a party, etc., met for a common purpose." To fulfill this definition, our Convention must have a purpose which is common to all those attending it. Unless the purpose is common to all, there will be no real convention.

Like its many predecessors, this Convention will be primarily the annual meeting of the Fraternity for the transaction of national business, for the receipt and consideration of reports from its officers, for the discussion of the year's happenings, for the consideration of plans for the future, for the interchange of ideas bearing on the health and strength and growth of our Order. It will be primarily a meeting of man with man, of Brother with Brother. It will afford unequalled opportunities for the best of good fellowship, for the renewing of old friendships, and for the making of new friends.

A number of very wise men have held that straws are a fair indication of the way the wind is blowing. We have recently seen a few straws, and we don't like to see even the most gentle of zephyr-like breezes from the direction they would indicate, for they would tend to show that the primary purpose of our Convention had been, in the minds of some, completely overshadowed by the idea that a Convention consisted entirely of a nice smooth floor, a tireless orchestra, an assortment of girls, a gallon of tea, and a mountain of angel cake. By preference, the tea should be not too strong and should be taken only with a dash of lemon. By the same preference, the morning sessions should be dispensed with entirely, for they interfere with one's sleep, the afternoon sessions should be devoted to pap, perfume and jazz, and the banquet should be cancelled in toto as an unnecessary interference with those social obligations which follow attendance at an afternoon tea.

In planning the Convention program, the Committee has rightfully and wisely planned a number of extremely interesting social events as adjuncts to the business sessions of the Convention. As opportunities for good fellowship, for the ripening of friendship and for the strengthening of brotherhood, these extra-curriculum activities are fine, and are worthy of our strongest support, but if the Convention has come to be solely a social function, if its sole reason for existence is a glorified tea-dance, we might better quit claiming to be a fraternity, acknowledge frankly that we are a sorority, use a bit of pink ribbon for a pledge button and supplant our Badge by a pale blue fleur-de-lis.

Knowing what the Fraternity and the Convention mean to the great body of our Brotherhood, we feel sure that the straws we saw were not true indicators of the prevailing wind. We believe that they were but chaff tossed for the moment by a vagrant eddy.

## TWO PETITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONVENTION

## This May Reach From Coast to Coast

The coming Convention will consider two petitions having an important bearing on the subject of western expansion. Theta Delta Psi of Ohio State University, and the Dahlonga Club of the University of California are the petitioners.

Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio, was founded by the Land Grant Act of 1862. It is strictly a state institution, and accepts no endowments from private sources. It is co-educational. There are at present 570 faculty members and 7,914 students. The University plant is valued at about \$14,000,000. It includes forty-four buildings on a beautiful campus of over eight hundred acres. The University includes eleven colleges and a graduate school, drawing its students from nearly every state in the Union. Fraternity members average thirty per cent of the total men students. There are now at Ohio State twenty-seven national fraternities and six local fraternities.

Theta Delta Psi was founded in 1920 with the preconceived intention of petitioning Alpha Chi Rho. Its organization was fostered by two of our graduate Brothers. Its strength now includes one honorary, twenty active members and eleven pledges. In scholastics and in general University activities, it stands among the first ten of a total of fifty-eight recognized fraternity organizations. The fraternity rents a very attractive house in the central fraternity district, owns the house furnishings, and has made a substantial start on a permanent building fund. Theta Delta Psi bears the expressed approval of the president of Ohio State University, of the chairman of the University Committee on Fraternities, of the president of the Men's Panhellenic Council, of sixteen Alpha Chis, from seven Chapters, living in Ohio, and of twenty-three other Alpha Chis, from nine Chapters, who are acquainted with members of the petitioning fraternity and most of whom have visited the fraternity in its house.

The University of California had its origin in the old "College of California," founded in 1855. The principal seat of the University is at Berkeley, located on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. The University site at Berkeley includes some five hundred and thirty acres. Thirteen buildings are now in use,

three more being under construction. The University enrollment includes about 19,000 students. About 10,000 of this number are on the Berkeley campus, the rest being scattered among the various branches. The University is co-educational, and is a state institution. All the affairs of the students are governed and handled by officers and students elected by and from the student body. There are now forty-one national fraternities and eleven local fraternities on the campus. The fraternity and sorority membership includes about one-fourth of the total student body.

The Dahlonga Club was founded in 1909 with an original membership of twelve men. The Club has now a membership of thirty-nine, and owns a large, attractive, modern stucco house. In scholastic standing, the Club has almost always been above the general fraternity average. The Club is well represented in a great many of the University activities. The Dahlonga Club has been indorsed by the president of the University, the executive secretary of the University, the dean of the College of Mining, the dean of the Undergraduate Division, the president and vice-president of the Associated Students, the Professor of California History, the president of the California Law Association and by our own Brothers.

## THE BANQUET

## DON'T MISS IT

The crowning event of the Convention will be the Banquet, which will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Plaza at 7:30 P. M. on Saturday, February 24th.

The food will be exceptionally good and there will be enough of it to satisfy even those whose specialty is long-distance food destruction. The best talent in the Fraternity will give short, interesting talks—talks so brief and so simple that no one will be troubled by mental indigestion.

An orchestra will furnish music during the entire evening. Entertainers—each one a headliner—will perform around, among and between the courses. The Committee tells us that it has a surprise in store that will in itself make absence a matter of life-long regret and bitter remorse. Under those conditions, there is but one thing to do. We'll look for you at the banquet.

## CONVENTION QUOTAS

Some Marks That Should be Shot at and Hit

	Attendance	Dollars
Phi Psi .....	50	50
" Chi .....	75	75
" Phi .....	100	100
" Omega .....	100	100
" Alpha .....	40	45
" Beta .....	30	45
" Delta .....	60	60
" Epsilon .....	25	40
" Zeta .....	10	30
" Eta .....	10	30
" Theta .....	50	60
" Gamma .....	35	60
" Iota .....	15	35
" Kappa .....	10	45
" Lambda .....	15	35
" Mu .....	25	30
" Nu .....	15	15
" Xi .....	5	10
" Omicron .....	3	10

## SAILING DIRECTIONS

To find the Plaza, 5th Ave. and 59th St., New York.

First: Ask a cop or a Republican.

Second: Ask a Gentile—he'll probably be a Brother.

Third: Take any Fifth Avenue bus numbered 2, 3 or 4 to 59th Street.

Fourth: Take the B. R. T. subway to the Fifth Avenue Station; or take the west side Interborough subway to Times Square Station, changing there to the B. R. T. subway; or take the east side Interborough subway to Grand Central station, change there to the shuttle to Times Square and change at Times Square to the B. R. T. subway. In dismounting at the Fifth Avenue Station of the B. R. T. subway, use the 59th Street exit to the street. It is very simple if you just remember that the north and south axis of Manhattan Island runs from north to south and the east and west axis does not.

To find the Phi Chi house, 168 Clinton St., Brooklyn.

Take a Brooklyn train on either the east side or west side Interborough subway to Borough Hall. Get a compass. Bear southwest on Court Street to Schermerhorn Street, squads right on Schermerhorn northwest to Clinton, squads left oblique to Number One Sixty Eight. The door is open and there's a royal welcome within.

To find the Phi Omega house, 633 West 115th St., New York.

Take the west side Interborough subway to 116th Street. The station is also known as

Columbia University in honor of one of our Eastern Colleges. Head south to 115th Street, and west in the general direction of the Hudson River to Number Six Thirty Three. You'll find welcome on both sides of the mat, and the latch string within easy reach.

## THE QUOTA CUP

Seldom does one attend a Convention without enjoying himself immensely and feeling fully repaid for making the trip. As Brother Hayes puts it, "Many Brothers already have the habit of making an annual pilgrimage to Convention. It is an excellent habit, but for other Brothers, it is never too late to form the habit."

Some Brothers need a little urging before they get the habit. To make the urging effective, the earnest cooperation of both the Resident Chapter and the Graduate Secretary is needed.

In order to set a definite goal for their efforts, quotas have been established. As a further incentive, prizes are awarded each year to the Resident Chapter and the Graduate Secretary whose Chapter attains the largest percentage of its quotas.

This year the Convention Committee will award a beautiful silver cup to the Resident Chapter reaching the highest percentage of its total quota. This cup will remain in the permanent possession of the winning Phi and it is guaranteed to harmonize with the interior of any house in the Fraternity. It will be known as the Quota cup and should not be confused with the Attendance Cup which is awarded on a different basis, and remains in the possession of the winning Chapter only for the year following its award.

## ANOTHER INNOVATION

## THE LONG DISTANCE PRIZE

A handsome silver cup will be awarded by the Convention Committee to that Brother travelling the greatest necessary distance to Convention. Running round in circles doesn't count. The winner will be determined from the railroad ticket receipts.

When you buy a ticket to New York, get a receipt from your local ticket agent so that you can get a ticket back home at reduced rates. You may need that reduced rate by the time you head for home. File this receipt with Brother Dickey, Secretary of the Convention Committee, for validation and record.

The Long Distance Cup will remain the permanent property of the winner, unless his wife sees it first. It can be used for milk, rainwater or root beer, and would make a lovely home for Aged and Indignant Toothbrushes.

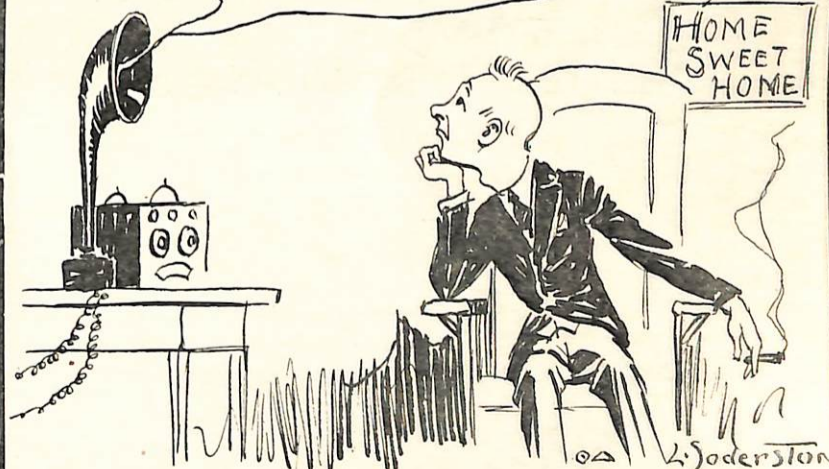
## NEW YORK DOWNTOWN LUNCH CLUB

If you want to get acquainted with all the Fraternity celebrities and get hep to all the Metropolitan doin's, come around to the Downtown Lunch Club, which meets every Tuesday in Stewart's Restaurant, on Park Place, at 1:00 P. M. Stewart's is just at the back of the Woolworth Building—you can't miss it. Woolworth, you know, made a lot out of a nickel.

From ten to twenty Brothers gather every week around the festive board. A large number of the National Councilors, including a number of the large National Councilors, are regular attendants and the others, including the President, drop in frequently to get the news. Many Chapters are represented every week, so that the one place outside of Convention to get acquainted and learn who's who in A X P is the Downtown Lunch Club. If you are in town any day and it happens to be Tuesday, be sure to drop in and see us. You will always find someone to greet you. Try it.

## In Loving Memory of Those Who Can't Be With Us

Hello Slim! Hello Jack !! Hello There Owen, old Boy. How's the family. This is some gathering! etc. etc. — Say Whales—New York surely has the goods. Isn't this some Show and can't she step? Home was never like this. etc. etc. — (dance music is heard) I just love to dance to this orchestra. It is wonderful. I am so glad you asked me to come Jack. You know, everyone seems to be having such a good Time. etc. etc. — Some Banquet! Some Eats!! Some — Sah — Someone is trying to say something. That reminds me of a story — etc. etc. — Well good-bye fellows, had a Bully Time !!



**DON'T FORGET THAT RECEIPT  
WHEN YOU BUY YOUR RAILROAD TICKET  
WE'LL ALL SAVE SOME MONEY  
IF EACH ONE DOES HIS PART**

**FOR THE LADIES, GOD  
BLESS THEM**

A series of enjoyable events has been arranged for the ladies. Separate quarters have been engaged at the Plaza, providing a common meeting place and lounge at all times. Attendants will be on duty continuously.

Complete shopping information will be available. Any Brother can have this information suppressed by application to the proper authorities. Information regarding points of interest, sight-seeing trips, theatres, etc., will also be on tap. Wives of local Brothers, under the leadership of Mrs. Edward C. Bailly, will act as hostesses.

On Saturday evening, while we are at the Banquet, there will be a dinner and theatre party for the ladies. The dinner will be at 7:00 P. M., at the Plaza. The Plaza Orchestra will play for the ladies during dinner.

Bring your wife along. Her stay in New York will be made almost as enjoyable as your own.

**LOOK FOR THE COMMITTEES  
WHEN YOU GET TO  
CONVENTION**

Just as soon as you get to Convention, the Mixer's Committee will spot you. They will keep an eye on you all during Convention. Their job is to see that you get acquainted. You'll know them by their Large White Tags. Meet them and greet them. They will help you to meet everybody. Watch for the Large White Tags.

The Convention Committee will take you in hand as soon as you arrive. Its duty will be to provide for your comfort and needs. You will recognize the Convention Committee by their Garnet Carnations, so ask them for anything you need—except money. They are at your service at all times. Your comfort and pleasure is paramount. They will tell you all about the city, theatres, points of interest, rooms, tickets, meals, anything. Ask any Brother with a Garnet Carnation.

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## **THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH**

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Aprons**

Once upon a time, in the A. V. period, there were a number of talented gentlemen who spent their days, and many of their nights, behind a certain type of wooden structure, usually made of mellow mahogany and usually equipped with an elongated tube or rod of bright and shining brass, located on one side and a bit above the floor level. Cheerfully, pleasantly, with the air of those who attend a rite rather than of those who perform a task, these merry gentlemen spent the happy days mixing certain ingredients with certain other ingredients, a little from this phial with a little from that, obtaining results which must have been most pleasing to their friends, for their popularity seemed ever to increase. They were the Ancient Order of Mixers—and each wore a large, white apron.

Times, since then, have changed. The Ancient Order of Mixers has gone,—the new Mixers have come. Cheerfully, pleasantly, with the air of those who attend a rite rather than of those who perform a task, these merry gentlemen will spend the

happy days mixing a little from this Phi with a little from that, a little of the North with a little of the South, a little of the East with a little of the West, obtaining results which will be most pleasing to their friends. They are the Committee of Mixers—and each wears a large white tag.

**We Will Have  
With Us—**

